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1. IN MEETING JANUARY 7 WITH ECONCOOPMIN UNDER SECRETARY KOLLATZ, ECON/COMMERCIAL MIN EMPHASIZED THE IMPORTANCE OF FRG AID TO EGYPT AND URGED THE FRG TO REMAIN FLEXIBLE REGARDING AID TO EGYPT IN 1977.

2. KOLLATZ ASSURED US THAT THE FRG WOULD HAVE NO PROBLEM REMAINING FLEXIBLE IN THE LONGER TERM SINCE IT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE TO MAKE MORE THAN A ONE-YEAR COMMITMENT TO EGYPT THIS YEAR. A MULTI-YEAR COMMITMENT TO EGYPT WOULD IMPINGE ON THE ABILITY OF THE FRG TO MAKE COMMITMENTS TO OTHER COUNTRIES WITHIN THIS YEAR'S TIGHT AID AUTHORIZATION BUDGET. A SINGLE YEAR COMMITMENT TO EGYPT WILI IN NO WAY FORECLOSE NEW PLEDGES IN 1978 AND BEYOND, HOWEVER.

3. ECON/COMMERCIAL MIN ASKED WHETHER 1977 COMMITMENT WOULD BE SIMILAR TO PREVIOUS ANNUAL COMMITMENTS (DM 500 MILLION OVER THREE YEARS, OR APPROXIMATELY DM 167
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MILION ANNUALLY). KOLLATZ STARTED TO SAY "MAYBE EVEN MORE" BUT THEN SIMPLY AGREED THAT PREVIOUS LEVELS WOULD BE MET.

4. COMMENT: ECONCOOPMIN ALSO RETAINS SOME SHORT TERM FLEXIBILITY IN THE 1977 COMMITMENT EVEN AFTER BUDGETING PLANS ARE MADE. MINISTER SCHLEI CAN CHANGE

THE AMOUNT OF AID COMMITTED TO EGYPT, WITHIN THE
CONSTRAINTS OF THE MINISTRY'S BUDGET, UP TO THE TIME
OF A BINDING GOVERNMENT-TO-GOVERNMENT AGREEMENT
BETWEEN EGYPT AND THE FRG.

5. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE INFORMATION, AS IT
DEVELOPS, ON U.S. PLANS FOR EGYPT.
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